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FURNISS RESIGNS

As Minister to the Republic of Haiti

STATE DEPARTMENT REGRETS

Many Candidates For His Place—President Taft Undecided

Mr. Furniss, Minister to Haiti, has tendered his resignation to the President to take effect June 1. Mr. Furniss had made a most excellent official, and it will take a very good man to fill his place. The President will not appoint as his successor a man who is not up to the standard of American diplomacy. Some people say that the President will appoint a lawyer of ability. A lawyer should be appointed as Mr. Furniss's successor because such a man is needed at the Haitian republic. Minister Furniss, so it is said, has only made one mistake which is the real cause of his recall and which was no fault of his. Our Government is not charitable. Mr. Furniss's over zealousness made him persona non grata in the Haitian republic. The Department of State is making a mistake in recalling him.

The resignation of Minister Furniss to Haiti was a surprise to many, but to a few who knew, it was no surprise. Two years ago Minister Furniss stated that he intended to retire, after serving two years more, to take up the practice of medicine in South America. At the State Department his resignation was regretted, for he was regarded as the best Minister ever sent from this country to Haiti, and one of the best diplomats in the diplomatic service of the United States. He has handled the American affairs in Haiti with consummate skill and finest diplomacy. Had he desired, he could have served on indefinitely, for it is well known that the State Department did not care to have him retire, nor did the President.

THREE—BEE.

A mean and cowardly attack was made on the colored people lately by a certain weekly publication, and it is well known among the colored people here that Manning was responsible for this article, as no one else had the facts which the article seemed to reveal, but Manning. It is surprising that a man of this kind can go into a city like Washington and beguile colored people.

WHO HE IS IN THE SOUTH.

J. C. Manning and the Negro. (Special to The Bee.)

The colored people in this vicinity have read with a good deal of interest and satisfaction your estimate of one J. C. Manning, who recently spoke in Washington and hails from Alabama.

Manning is well known among all classes in Alabama. He is a peripatetic traveler. He is on all sides of all questions. He is at one time a Democrat and then a Republican, a prohibitionist, and then a liquor man. He is for the Negro, and against the Negro as occasion demands. He is a great, big, huge joke in Alabama, and it is past comprehension how such a joke can impose himself upon intelligent people anywhere in the country.

Manning at one time posed as a great friend of the Negro. He did so as long as he could make it pay. When he lost his political job, he turned a Lily White Republican, and during the last State campaign he went up and down the State abusing J. O. Thompson, the regular Republican nominee for Governor, because Mr. Thompson had the courage to employ a colored man as his secretary. This is the kind of white man that some colored people deem it wise to honor, but we who know him in Alabama fight shy of him.

Manning, as is well known in Alabama, is the kind of white man who sneaks around and gets close to a certain class of colored people with a view of finding out what their business is and what their plans are, and then after he gets this kind of information, now that he has resigned, and each day brings to the White House more applications, but it can be definitely said that Mr. Furniss's successor has already been determined upon, had had been before Mr. Furniss's resignation had been given to the public. Mr. Furniss will take up the practice of medicine in South America, a field that offers him far more remuneration than Minister to Haiti, which pays but \$10,000 per year, quite small, considering the expense attached to maintaining a legation in becoming style and dignity.

The Napier Banquet.

Editor Bee: I think your comment on the Napier banquet and the discourtesy offered you through its promoters was eminently fitting and proper. It has long been a common view among the element in Washington not anxious to "shine" that the "banquet" business has been pushed to the limit, and then some. There is admittedly no proper objection to this form of publicity expressing a public appreciation of some distinct public service on the part of any reputable person, but when, as in many cases here, recent and remote, the banquet was clearly nothing more than a scheme on the part of a few dissatisfied obscurities to thrust themselves into the limelight once in a while, pose before the footlights and then recede into their abysmal obscurity, the whole play becomes a laughable farce. This is by no means the worst

feature of the thing; it serves to emphasize a "race trait and tendency" that we could far better afford to suppress—namely, the readiness with which we pour out our dollars in a foolish exhibition of questionable sociability when we just as readily turn a deaf ear to all appeals for money to support a really worthy charity or to promote a worthy cause. This recalls the foolish exhibition we make every 48 months here in Washington where we spend (actually) thousands of dollars in a trio or quartette of "Inaugural balls," and every month thereafter utterly neglect our share of the burden imposed upon the community through the misfortunes of the poor, the degraded and the neglected of our own race. Of course, this does not apply to all of us, but it does apply to far too many of us. Let us hope that in some way better counsel will yet prevail among us, and work a reform in this blighting evil.

Your paper can do a good work in this cause. Subscriber.

JOHN W. EWING DEAD.

Young and Useful Man's Career—In the Midst of Life He Died—He Reared a Large Family of Nine—One Dead.

John W. Ewing was born Dec. 2, 1858, in Lincoln County, Tennessee. He came to this city in the Fall of 1872 as a result of a desire to see the National Capital, and see the great men who at that time were active in the affairs of the Nation. Here he met the late Charles Sumner, Roscoe Conkling, John Sherman, President Grant, Frederick Douglass, John M. Langston, and many other noted men. He also met Horace Maynard, who took a great interest in him, and who at all times did all he could for him, and secured for him a position in the United States Treasury Department, which enabled him to enter Howard University Preparatory Department. Here he continued until the Spring of 1875, when he went to Constantinople with Mr. Horace Maynard, who had been appointed United States Minister to Constantinople, Turkey, as the official messenger and custodian of the archives of the United States Legation. He remained in this capacity for about two years and six months, when he returned to this country to look after his mother, whose husband had been murdered by the Klu-Klux.

After returning to this city Mr. Ewing re-entered Howard University and later took a course at the Spencerian Business College. In 1885 he was married to Miss Hettie Norman, daughter of Capt. Isaac F. Norman, of Marietta, Ohio, to which union were born nine children, five sons and four daughters, eight of whom survive him.

Mr. Ewing was always interested in anything looking to the elevation of the race along moral and educational lines.

He had for some years been actively associated with the teachers of Fairfax County, Virginia, who elected him chaplain of their meetings, and who always invited him to come to them and address their meetings. This he always did when possible for him to leave his work.

On March 3 he was to attend their institute, held at Ash Grove, Va., and although he had been suffering for some time with "la grippe," he went to fill his engagement. After making his address he started home and became chilled. On reaching home he felt so badly that he went to bed, pneumonia developed, and for eight weeks he lay hovering between life and death, until the early morning of April 30, when his spirit went to the God he loved. He was a loving and devoted father, a true, loving husband, who will be greatly missed and whose place can never be filled.

An Open Letter.

An open letter from the people of the District of Columbia to Chief Justice Claiborne and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

Whereas we feel that the dual system of schools in the District of Columbia has been managed with marked success and effectiveness; That the progress and growth of



CAPTAIN JAMES F. OYSTER

the schools have been greatly enhanced through the united efforts of this body, with Capt. James Oyster as its president;

That peace and harmony exist in our schools once more;

Therefore, The Bee is pleased to express the wishes of the numerous citizens for the reappointment of Capt. James F. Oyster as a member of the Board of Education.



MINISTER HENRY W. FURNISS

One of the Best Diplomats in the Service—Persona non grata at Port Prince

BOOKER WASHINGTON AGED ENTERTAINED

He Speaks at a Banquet

1500 People Hear Rev. Brooks

GREAT RECEPTION TO EDUCATOR

DINNER IS GIVEN TO THE AGED

He Informs His Guests What Is Necessary for His People

Of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church—A Day Reception

UNITARIAN CLUB BANQUET.

Dr. Washington Speaker.

New York City, May 11.—The annual banquet of the Unitarian Club of New York City was held at the Hotel Manhattan, Madison Avenue and 42d Street, last Wednesday, May 10, at 7:30 o'clock. Arrangements for the banquet were in the hands of Dr. Thomas R. Slicer, the well-known Unitarian minister, and Mr. Charles H. Strong, of the business firm of Strong & Mellen, 27 William Street, New York City.

The subject for discussion was "Race Prejudice," and the speakers, in addition to Dr. Slicer himself, were Prof. Alberto Pecorini, Mr. M. Honda and Rev. Dr. H. Pereira Mendes. For the Negro people, Dr. Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee Institute, spoke. It will thus be seen that the white, the black, the yellow, and the Malay races were each represented on the program.

The Hotel Manhattan is the famous New York hostelry where Dr. Washington has been quartered when in the city for the past eight or ten years. The Tuskegee educator spoke in part as follows:

"There are some people who are very active in their efforts to fight the race prejudice—some people in the North and some people in the South. They are trying to fight it by argument. They are trying to fight it by retaliating in kind. If the white man curses the Negro, they believe that it will destroy prejudice to curse the white man in return. If the white man illtreats a Negro, they think the way to destroy prejudice is to injure the white man. If the white man tries to terrorize a certain class of Negroes, these people think that the thing to do is to terrorize the white man in return.

"Now, there are two things I would say in regard to this. First, that is the old vicious circle—if I injure my neighbor, of course, my neighbor is bound to injure me in return—and of course, there is no end to that pursuit. No civilization was ever built up on that. On the contrary, civilization, especially our civilization, has been built up on the principle of not retaliating, of not doing evil to other men, as they do to you. On the other hand, while I believe in imitating him who does, I believe in imitating him not in the evil things, but in the good things, and the people who curse the Negro are not the best white people, but the worst. The best white people are those who are seeking to educate the Negro, to build him up, to make him a Christian. They are the people who do not reply with retaliation, but who return good for evil, rather than evil for evil."

Will Go to California.

President Thirkield, of Howard University, has been invited to go to California as the guest of Mr. W. N. Hartshorn, of Boston, chairman of the International Sunday School Committee, to speak at the great Sunday night mass meeting at the International Sunday School Convention, on the relation of the Sunday School movement to the Negro race. A forward movement in this work is being planned.

Grady, Dr. Curtis, Prof. George W. Cook, Mr. Cobb, Dr. Francis, Dr. W. T. Vernon and others made many useful and practical suggestions. The meeting resolved itself into a temporary organization, and a committee of seven, of which Dr. Wilder is chairman, was appointed to prepare a plan of permanent organization for active work. One of the plans suggested was the undertaking of an effort to secure a citywide support for the social settlement work now being carried on in L Street, in South Washington, and a committee composed of Dr. J. R. Francis, Prof. George W. Cook and Mr. Henry E. Baker was appointed to inquire into and report upon the work, resources and needs of the said Social Settlement, with a view to adopting some plan for giving it practical and immediate support.

After a social hour, during which Dr. and Mrs. Cabanis dispensed a gracious hospitality, the meeting adjourned, to come together again Friday evening, 12th instant, at the office of Dr. Francis, 1102 Ninth Street, Northwest.

Among those present, in addition to those named above, were Dr. Dumas, Mr. Moore, Dr. Lofton, Dr. Wells, Mr. McKinlay, Dr. Warfield, Rev. Mitchell, Prof. Kelly Miller, Mr. Ocea Taylor, Rev. John Hurst and others.

His Politics Claimed to be Objectionable.

The Board of Trustees of the Colored Social Settlement, 18 L Street, Southwest, did not keep its arrangement with W. C. Payne, an old and respected citizen of these parts for some 25 years past, for the reason, it is said, he affiliates with the Democratic party and now has employment with them at the Capitol.

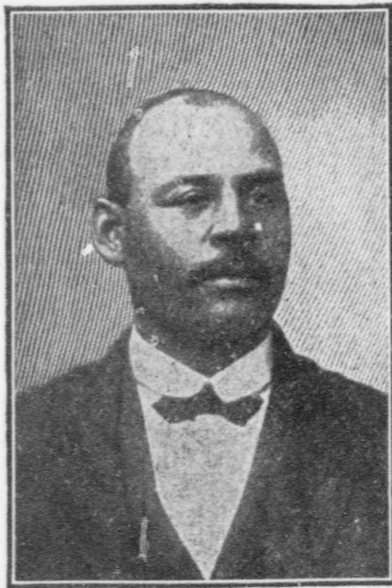
It is said that some time in April Miss Haws, matron of the Colored Social Settlement, got the consent of Mr. and Mrs. Payne to take up work at the settlement in place of Miss Bibbs, resigned, and upon their consenting, Mr. Payne was called before the board, and agreements reached for securing his services. In the meantime some one who finds congeniality at the settlement on leisure occasions, so the rumor goes, reported, or rather raised objections, to Mr. Payne's coming on account of his politics. In some way the Board of Trustees were reached, and the matter was gone over, and a committee was appointed to wait on Mr. Payne and tell him the board had concluded not to have him at the Social Settlement on account of his employment at the House of Representatives under the Democrats, as that might make him unpopular with the masses of his people.

When seen by a Bee reporter, Mr. Payne admitted the essential points of this article, and said further, "the people of Washington who have known me long and best know that I have my own convictions, and that I am honest in following them whether I be right or wrong. I had rather be wrong yet honest, than to appear right for a dishonest benefit."

THE RIVER QUEEN.

Col. Lewis Jefferson Now in Charge—The Colored People Have Purchased the Entire Interest of Mr. Bensinger.

Col. Lewis Jefferson, the old and reliable manager of the Jane Mosely, and the steamer River Queen, has been elected president of the Independent Steamboat Barge Company. Mr. Bensinger, who has had interest in this company, has sold his entire interest to the colored people, with Col.



Lewis Jefferson as president and manager. All contracts made with Mr. Bensinger will be carried out by Col. Jefferson. All persons who desire to charter the boat for excursions are requested to do so at once.

Call at the wharf, 7th and N Streets, Southwest. Lewis Jefferson, president of the Independent Steamboat and Barge Company.

AT WORK AGAIN.

Dr. Milton Francis Returned to the Hospital.

Dr. Milton Francis, of the Freedmen's Hospital, who was so seriously ill some few months ago, has returned to the hospital and is now actively engaged with his practice. Dr. Francis is looking like himself again.

The Metropole Club.

The Metropole Billiard and Pool Parlor will celebrate its third anniversary Friday night, May 19, 1911, with a French pool tournament, open to all the patrons of the room. The tournament will begin at nine o'clock sharp, and the prize will be tickets to the American League Ball Park. Refreshments will be served.

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Important News Happenings of the Week

DEVOTED TO GENERAL INTEREST

(By Miss G. B. Maxfield.)

In New York City there is great enthusiasm being manifested at St. Philip's Episcopal Church. There has been provided for amusement pool and billiard tables, card rooms, and occasional dances, like many white churches. The plan is meeting with the hearty approval of some and the criticism of others.

The colored Americans of Peoria, Ill., are to be rewarded for standing by the Republican ticket. A colored fire company is promised them.

Upwards of 100 business and professional colored men are recorded in the business directory of Birmingham, Ala. This shows remarkable progress.

SEVEN—BEE.

Two hundred dollars had to be paid by the Temple Theater of Rochester for violating the Civil Rights law. Mrs. Susan Joyner, a colored lady, was refused admission to occupy a box seat. It was decided that law-abiding citizens ought to be protected by those in authority, and operators of such theaters hereafter shall be punished to the full extent of the law.

A gentleman in Rochester, N. Y., has just contributed \$10,000 in cash to Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

John L. McCrea, who served as Lincoln's personal courier during the civil war times, carrying dispatches between the White House and the front, died last week at his home in New York.

Rumor has it that W. T. Vernon, former Register of the Treasury, will be named to fill the diplomatic post which was formerly held by Henry W. Furniss as Minister to Haiti.

Thirty-six new postal savings banks have been established by Postmaster-General Hitchcock to begin operation about June 1.

Joseph Cordat, a gardener, of Lenox, Mass., refused an offer of \$1,000 for three ancient English pennies which he dug up there. Two of the pennies bear portraits of George III, and are dated 1777, the other a portrait of George II, and dated 1742. Andrew Carnegie has given \$100,000 more to the original gift of \$750,000 for the construction of the handsome home of the Pan-American Union. Mr. Carnegie is hailed as the "great apostle of peace" and "benefactor of humanity" by President Taft.

A huge boulder bearing a descriptive tablet of bronze will be unveiled to the memory of Abraham Lincoln on the spot where he stood July 12, 47 years after the memorable engagement in which Lincoln played so conspicuous a part.

The Confederate organizations of this city are arranging to observe the anniversary of the birthday of Jefferson Davis June 5.

Sales of postage stamps and stamped paper at the post office during April amounted to \$139,065.82, or an increase of 7.82 per cent. over the same month of last year.

All of the old Confederates are planning to attend their annual reunion, to be held in Little Rock, Ark., May 15 to 18.

Fifty members of the Cincinnati Commercial Club, who were President Taft's boyhood friends, have announced their intention to come to this city to help President Taft to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his wedding, June 20.

Mrs. Alice Webb Duke, former wife of the tobacco king, and six years ago mistress of \$25,000,000, now friendless and forgotten by those upon whom she squandered thousands of dollars, is now dying a pauper in the Illinois State Hospital for the Insane.

At an autograph sale, a letter written by Martin Luther to Emperor Charles V was bought by a Florence dealer for \$25,500. The purchase is said to have been made for J. P. Morgan.

The Southern Industrial Education Association donated the sum of \$21,000 to be used in educating the orphaned white children of the South, at a meeting held at the residence of Chief Justice Seth Shepard.

At the meeting of the Colored Y. M. C. A. last Sunday at the Howard Theater, it was announced \$1,000 had been given by Mrs. John Hay, wife of former Secretary of State Hay, toward the new building, and a similar amount was given by W. A. Saltin.

Last year the number of Bibles issued amounted to 2,826,831, of which 1,427,247 were from the Bible House in New York, and 1,399,584 from the Society's agents throughout the world. This is 590,000 in excess of the issue of last year.

Dr. Washington.

Chicago, Ill., May 3.—Booker T. Washington, of the Tuskegee Institute, is to deliver two important addresses here in the near future.

On May 18 he will speak at the annual banquet of the Young Men's Christian Association. The other speakers at this banquet will be Mr. Julius Rosenwald, Mr. John G. Shedd and Mr. Harry A. Wheeler. Many of the most prominent and important people of Chicago are to be present.

On the following day Dr. Washington, at the invitation of Miss S. P. Breckenridge, will deliver an address before the Child Welfare Exhibit meeting.

Lead The Bee